

House Resolution No. 2719

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pleasure in acknowledging milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State young women who have admirably dedicated themselves to exceptional participation in the Girl Scouts of America program with its emphasis on maturation and growth as a person, citizen, and leader; and

Whereas, Kortney Cook of Sikeston, Missouri and a member of Girl Scout Troop 196 has earned the highest achievement award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award, which she received during a Celebration Ceremony on May 4, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church in Sikeston; and

Whereas, Kortney Cook also designed a self-development plan that requires assessment of her ability to interact with others and prioritize values, participation for a minimum of fifteen hours in a community service project, and development of a plan to promote Girl Scouting; and

Whereas, Kortney Cook spent a minimum of fifty hours planning and implementing a Girl Scout Gold Award Project that had a positive and lasting impact on the community; and

Whereas, Kortney Cook used her twelve years of scouting experience to develop a plan for recruiting more members into the Girl Scouts; and

Whereas, beginning in the fall of 2006, Kortney Cook scheduled a series of recruitment events to promote Girl Scout values to girls in kindergarten through the third grade, and enlisting the help of other troop members to serve as role models, she demonstrated the fun and excitement that Girl Scouting adds for girls of all ages; and

Whereas, during the two-year life of the project, membership in the service area increased by eleven percent; and

Whereas, officially designated in 1980 as the highest award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award is attained by only five thousand Girl Scouts annually:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Girl Scout Kortney Cook and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon completing the stringent requirements for a prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award and our best wishes for continued success and achievement in life for many, many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Girl Scout Gold Award recipient Kortney Cook, daughter of Bart and Pam Lowe and Eric and Lela Cook.

Offered by _____
Representative Ellen Brandom
District No. 160

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2719, adopted May 6, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker